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1. Finland is strongly committed to the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, to the pursuit of global nuclear disarmament and to general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control. Finland regards the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and the associated safeguards regime as the key elements of global efforts to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons.

2. For Finland, the **Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty** (CTBT) represents an essential building block in the efforts of the international community to contain the proliferation of nuclear arms in all its aspects, thus contributing to nuclear disarmament. Finland signed the Treaty on the first day it was opened for signature and completed her ratification process in 1999. A Primary Seismological Station and a radionuclide laboratory are located in our territory as part of the International Monitoring System.

3. Finland is fully committed to the obligations of the CTBT and makes every effort to promote its entry into force at the earliest possible date. Finland served as President of the Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the CTBT that was convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 3–5 September 2003 in Vienna. After the Conference Finland was appointed coordinator to promote cooperation, through informal consultations with all interested countries, aimed at promoting further signatures and ratifications of the Treaty.

4. Finland also attaches great importance to assisting countries in their endeavors to build capacity that is needed to implement the obligations under the CTBT. For this purpose we actively support the Provisional Secretariat in its training activities. Inter alia, representatives of signatory states have been trained in Finland to work as National Data Center operators.

5. Finland has been a member of the **Conference on Disarmament** (CD) since 1996. Finland held the Presidency of the Conference for the first time in 2002 (March-May). As a member of the CD, Finland has done her utmost to break the current deadlock in that unique institution. Even with the continued difficulties in the CD, Finland remains committed to its goals and is willing to assist in all efforts towards fulfilling the mandate of the CD.

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6. The international **safeguards system of the International Atomic Energy Agency** (IAEA) is the fundamental pillar of the nuclear non-proliferation regime. Finland considers the Additional Protocol an essential additional instrument for further strengthening the IAEA's safeguards system. Finland urges all states that have not yet signed and ratified the Additional Protocol to do so without delay.

7. Finland has concluded a comprehensive Safeguards Agreement with the IAEA and signed and ratified the Additional Protocol. The Additional Protocol entered into force for Finland on the 30th of April 2004 when the IAEA received written notification from the EU States and EURATOM that their respective requirements for entry into force had been met.

8. Finland is developing its national safeguards system further so as to enable effective implementation of IAEA strengthened safeguards in Finland. In addition, Finland continues to support the IAEA research and development programme for nuclear verification and materials security.

9. Finland continues to contribute to the strengthening of the non-proliferation regime by conducting well-established **safeguards support programmes** as part of Finnish bilateral assistance to third countries. The objective of the safeguards co-operation is to assist these countries in developing and maintaining national systems for accounting and control of nuclear materials and other radioactive materials, and for export controls and border controls. These support programmes are coordinated with the IAEA programmes for safeguards and security of material.

10. Finland **reaffirms her commitment to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons** in all its aspects and the ultimate goal of eliminating all nuclear weapons. Finland will do her utmost to contribute constructively to the preparatory work for the 2005 Review Conference.